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SUBJECT: US/TURKISH RELATIONS

1. YOUR ACCOUNT OF US/TURKEY RELATIONS PORTIONS OF YOUR MARCH 14 CONVERSATION WITH ELEKDAG (ANKARA 1956) NOT RECEIVED IN DEPT AS OF COB MARCH 15. WE PREFER TO DELAY GIVING YOU FURTHER GUIDANCE UNTIL MARCH 16 AFTER WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY READ YOUR REPORT. WE FOUND THE BRIEFING ON MONTREUX SUMMIT (ANKARA 1945) VERY INTERESTING AND APPRECIATE FULL SHARING BY ELEKDAG WITH YOU.

2. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE ECEVIT TO KNOW THAT HE TALKED SEVERAL TIMES OVER LAST FEW DAYS WITH WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA ABOUT TURKEY. MCNAMARA IN TURN HAD CONTACTS
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WITH IMF. MCNAMARA CALLED SECRETARY MARCH 15 TO INDICATE IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT TURKISH TEAM AND IMF ARE VERY CLOSE TO AGREEMENT AND THAT ONLY SLIGHT FURTHER ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WAS REQUIRED BY TURKISH SIDE TO CLOSE REMAINING GAP. AS INDICATED SEPTTEL, MCNAMARA AGREED VISIT TURKEY IN MID-APRIL.

3. AS INDICATED SEPTEL, SOLARZ HAS HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ESENBEL RE HIS APRIL 4 VISIT TO ANKARA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ESENBEL TOLD SOLARZ HE THOUGHT IT VERY IMPORTANT

THAT HE BE PRESENT WHEN HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSES TURKEY. THUS, THERE IS AGAIN POSSIBILITY THAT HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING MAY SLIP BACK TO APRIL 6 OR 7 TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOLARZ' TRAVEL SCHEDULE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND ZABLOCKI IS WRITING LETTER TO SECRETARY IN RESPONSE LATTER'S LETTER OF MARCH 9 BUT LETTER HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED IN DEPT, NOR ARE WE INFORMED OF ITS CONTENTS. VANCE

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